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DANGLING A BAIT? Or Gently Wielding A Whip? American 'Dollar' Diplomacy

WASHINGTON, DEC. 24. WITH INCREASING FREQUENCY, THE UNITED STATES IS DANGLING THE BAIT OF ECONOMIC AID BEFORE CERTAIN GOVERNMENTS SLOW TO ADOPT POLICIES WHICH THIS COUNTRY BELIEVES ESSENTIAL TO PEACE STABILITY.

DIPLOMATIC OFFICIALS HAVE UNDERScoreD THAT ANGLE IN ANALYSING AMERICA'S STATEMENT ON SATURDAY ANNOUNCING THE RECOGNITION OF THE NEW YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC WHILE CRITICISING SOME PRACTICES OF MARSHAL TITO'S BELGRADE REGIME.

Communist Leaders See Gen. Marshall

CHUNGKING, DEC. 24. GENERALISSIMO AND MADAME CHIANG KAI-SHEK ARRIVED BY AIRPLANE FROM NANKING. THE GENERALS SIMO IS EXPECTED TO CONTINUE WITH GENERAL MARSHALL. THE NEW SPECIAL AMERICAN AMBASSADOR, THE CONVERSATIONS WHICH THEY STARTED IN NANKING.

Comic Opera Or What?

PEIPING, DEC. 24. CHINESE MILITARY AUTHORITIES HELD TO-DAY FOR TRIAL MORE THAN A SCORE OF JAPANESE WAR CRIMINAL SUSPECTS WHO WERE APPREHENDED AND TURNED OVER BY NIPPON LIAISON OFFICIALS.

Attack On Hospital

BATAVIA, DEC. 24. A British communiqué issued with regard to an attack on a Red Cross emergency hospital in the Kraton area, disclosed that the attack resulted in the deaths of one patient and two Indonesian servants, and the wounding of six other Indonesian servants.

War Does Not Pay Tokens

TOYO, DEC. 24. A proposal that atom-bombs and certain badly damaged sections of other main cities of Japan be preserved as "reminders that war does not pay," was made in a letter signed by a Japanese and published in the "Nippon Times" today.

VERY REASONABLE. In Marshall's directive, Truman said that as China moved toward peace and unity along the lines he suggested, the United States would "assist the National Government in a very reasonable way" to rehabilitate her economy and establish an adequate army.

Some officials believe that the United States may next use economic hints in its negotiations with the still unrecognized governments of Rumania and Bulgaria. What America wants in those two Balkan countries are the same things it says that Tito's regime has not provided in Yugoslavia.

Unofficially the Bulgarian Government has already let it be known that a loan from this country would be helpful.

World's Moral Obligation To Jewish People

NEW YORK, DEC. 24. MR. SUMNER WELLES, FORMER UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE, DECLARED TO-DAY THAT THE ENGLISH AMERICAN INQUIRY ON PALESTINE CANNOT HAVE ANY TRULY BENEFICIAL RESULT BECAUSE "THE PROBLEM IS NOT ONE WHICH CAN BE SOLVED BY THE FINDINGS OF A COMMISSION CONSISTING OF TWO REPRESENTATIVES OF TWO NATIONS."

Mr. Welles, in accepting the Maryland Christian Palestine Committee, said:

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The Egyptian Parliament has completed its approval of the Bretton Woods Monetary Agreement without a dissenting vote.

BIG THREE GET ON FAMOUSLY

MOSCOW, DEC. 24. THE BIG-THREE FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING TO-DAY WENT INTO ITS EIGHTH DAY WITH PROGRESS STILL UNINTERRUPTED BY FRESH OBSTACLES AND ITS TONE EASY, NATURAL AND HUMAN.

BEVIN, BYRNES AND MOLOTOV met at noon in the Soviet Foreign Commissariat's office in the Kremlin. Following the informal conference there, the three men were the guests of United States Ambassadors Averell Harriman at luncheon after which they were to move to the Speridoni Palace for a formal meeting.

Generalissimo Stalin was not present at the meeting. Although no information is given on the conference while it is sitting, Byrnes has promised to give a press conference after the meeting and it is believed that Bevin and Molotov might do so too.

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CHU TEH OUTLINES TERMS OF CHINA PEACE

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Readers and advertisers are requested to note that there will be no issue of the "China Mail" to-morrow, December 26, or the following day, December 27, and that our offices will be closed on Christmas Day and Boxing Day.

Publication will be resumed with an issue on Friday morning, December 28.

YENAN, DEC. 24. THE CHINESE COMMUNIST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, GEN. CHU TEH, SAID TO-DAY HE HAD WITHDRAWN ALL RED FORCES FROM THE EMBATTLED CITIES OF PAOTOW, KWEISUI AND TATUNG AS AN EARNEST GESTURE OF THE COMMUNIST DESIRE FOR PEACE.

He also asserted "THE COMMUNIST DELEGATES TO THE CHUNGKING PEACE TALKS ARE FULLY EMPOWERED TO DEAL IMMEDIATELY AND DIRECTLY WITH U.S. AMBASSADOR MARSHALL IN ALL MATTERS CONCERNING THE ENDING OF CHINA'S INTERNAL STRIFE AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A COALITION GOVERNMENT."

Chu Teh's statement was given in an exclusive Associated Press interview in his cave home. He declared the Communists are ready to dissolve all their armed forces except the agreed upon 20 divisions as soon as peace is restored and a coalition government set up.

He added that American forces in China can achieve internal accord "by unwaveringly carrying out the Truman policy of restricting their tasks."

NOT TOO LATE. He said that if it were true that the U.S. State Department order...

Communist Offers Suspect

CHUNGKING, DEC. 24. PROSPECTS OF A PRE-CHRISTMAS SOLUTION TO CHINA'S PROBLEM OF INTERNAL STRIFE DIMINISHED ALMOST TO THE VANISHING POINT AS ANOTHER DAY PASSED WITHOUT ANY DEVELOPMENT FROM THE COMMUNIST PROPOSAL FOR IMMEDIATE UNCONDITIONAL MUTUAL ASSASSINATION OF HOSTILITIES—A PROPOSAL WHICH GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN TERMED UNOFFICIAL.

AS FAR AS IS KNOWN, THE COMMUNISTS HAVE YET PUT THIS PROPOSAL IN WRITING. THEY INSISTED THAT A GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL TO WHOM IT WAS SUBMITTED WEDNESDAY WAS SPECIALLY REQUESTED TO FORWARD IT TO GENERALISSIMO CHIANG KAI-SHEK.

The Generalissimo, who has been on a visit to Peiping and Nanking, returned to Chungking Sunday afternoon, and if the Communist proposal looks good to him he could conceivably give his O.K. by Christmas.

Observers say, however, the problem is not such an easy one as it might seem on the surface.

The proposal, which also includes "freezing" of contending sides at their present positions, would mean that the Government must halt the movement of troops into Manchuria where the Russians under present arrangements are supposed to complete their withdrawal by Jan. 8.

OBVIOUSLY SUSPICIOUS. Nationalist quarters are obviously suspicious of the Communist proposal and the manner in which it was presented. They think it possible that the Com-

munist, while drawing praise for proposing a "cease fire" order on all fronts, might, when it comes to putting it in writing, add a few strings which would preclude acceptance.

The Generalissimo is expected to promptly resume talks he started with General George C. Marshall at Nanking. There was a belief that the two might hold their first Chungking conference to-day.

INVITATION TO YENAN. Gen. Chou En-lai and two other Communists called on Marshall on Sunday to exchange greetings and present the Communist case to him. It is understood they will seek further opportunities to meet with Marshall and will in all likelihood extend him an invitation to visit Yenpan for discussions with their leader, Mao Tse-tung.

CHUNGKING, DEC. 24. WHILE WAITING FOR THE OPENING OF THE FORTH-COMING PEACE CONFERENCE HERE, THE COMMUNIST DELEGATES ARE PARTICIPATING IN CHUNGKING'S PRE-CHRISTMAS SOCIAL LIFE.

THEIR ATTITUDE TOWARD GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AT PARTIES IS CORDIAL AND OUTWARDLY MOST FRIENDLY. THEY SELDOM NEGLECT A CHANCE OF DRINKING A TOAST.

Chou En-lai and Gen. Yeh Chien-ying, chief of staff of the Communist armies, were among Communists who attended an American pre-Christmas party Saturday night. They danced and drank and generally had a good time.

In the course of the evening they "ganged up" on a Government official who had been at school with Chou En-lai, and each in turn induced the protesting official to have a "kan pei" (bottoms up).

It was all good clean fun, and the Government official enjoyed himself as much as they did.

Several delegates at the Nationalist and Communist show-up at the conference table the future of China might be very different.

CHUNGKING, DEC. 24. The "New Shichuan Daily" sounded what appeared to be a discordant note yesterday on General Marshall's role in attempts to secure peace in China.

It said: "We should solve our own problem ourselves. China is a free and independent country, and her people are self-respecting. By soliciting outside mediation, it said, we would impale our national prestige."

CALLOWAY IN A SCUFFLE

KANSAS CITY, DEC. 24. CAB CALLOWAY, NEGRO BAND LEADER, WAS TO-DAY TREATED IN HOSPITAL FOR CUTS AND BRUISES AFTER A SCUFFLE AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE BALL-ROOM WHERE HE TOLD THE POLICE HE HAD GONE TO VISIT LIONEL HAMPTON, ANOTHER NEGRO BAND LEADER.

Calloway said he and his friend were denied entrance to the ballroom by the doorman. A special officer employed by the ballroom told the police he had asked Calloway and his friend to leave whereupon the friend swung at the officer and a ballroom employee clouted Calloway with a pistol butt.

Hampton refused to continue to play when he heard of the incident.

Japs On Both Sides In China!

Reprinted Japanese newspaper from North China. Kyodo news agency that former Japanese soldiers participating on both sides were responsible for most of the fighting in the recent Chinese Communist-Nationalist battle at Paotow in Inner Mongolia.

"Furious fighting was in true Japanese style," said Hieshi Aoyama, former chief conveyor for the Japanese Peiping newspaper. The Kyodo story carried no clarification of how many Japanese joined the Communists. It said the demobilized soldiers joined the Nationalist army in "other" despair.

THE WEATHER. Forecast for to-day: Cloudy, moderate. Easterly winds. Cool. Yesterday's temperature: Maximum: 35 degrees at 5 p.m. Minimum: 31.5 degrees at 5 p.m.

Turkey Cocks Snoot At Soviet

Istanbul, Dec. 24. The Turkish daily papers yesterday repudiated the plans for a Soviet George Vaki. "If Russia does not drop these plans Turkey will undoubtedly envisage war,"

The "Tambur" said: "If a third world war breaks out, the cause will be Turkey and the Straits." The "Vatan" said: "We attacked nobody, we were attacked by nobody. Turkey asks for no territory and she is not prepared to give up territory."

UNRRA AID TO REBUILD RAILWAYS. Chungking, Dec. 24. The Chinese Ministry of Communications has asked the U.N. R.E.A. (United Nations Rehabilitation Administration) to supply 1,700,000 tons of railway material, valued at about \$1,500,000,000.

The material includes 700 miles of rail, 2,000,000 sleepers, a dozen locomotives and more than 8,000 freight cars.

War On Crime Wave In Kowloon

IN ORDER TO STAMP OUT THE EPIDEMIC OF CRIME IN THE COLONY THE POLICE AUTHORITIES ARE CONDUCTING A "CLEAN-UP" CAMPAIGN IN KOWLOON, WHERE ARMED ROBBERIES ARE A FEATURE AND WHERE HOO DUMS ARE IN POSSESSION OF ARMS.

A CAREFUL WATCH IS ALSO BEING KEPT ON THE NEW TERRITORIES BORDER, REASON IS THAT MANY ARMED GANGS MAKE THEIR ESCAPE INTO CHINESE TERRITORY AFTER COMMITTING A CRIME IN THE COLONY.

An eye is also being kept on Kowloon's numerous hotels and boarding houses, some of which are suspected to be used by gangsters as temporary headquarters where their crimes are planned.

Over the week-end raids carried out under the leadership of Inspector N. E. Fraser resulted in a "good haul" of suspects. The raids were conducted in boarding houses and hotels in various parts of Kowloon.

The Kam Wah boarding house was raided at about 10 o'clock on Saturday night. Here the police were able to prevent a robbery by a gang of six men.

The gang were planning the crime when the police broke in on them. Two revolvers were seized.

In another raid four men, alleged to be responsible for more than the recent robbery in Kowloon, were apprehended.

ATTACK ON A HOSPITAL

Catholic Sisters Under Fire In Java

Staff Members Killed

(By Noel Buckley, Reuter's Special Correspondent).

BATAVIA, DEC. 24. WITH SMALL ARMS RATTING FROM A NEARBY IN-
DONESIAN BUILDING I WATCHED INDIAN TROOPS
OF THE PATAIA UNIT TO-DAY SUPERVISE THE
EVACUATION OF AN EMERGENCY HOSPITAL IN
KRAMAT, TROUBLE CENTRE ON THE SOUTHERN
OUTSKIRTS OF BATAVIA. AFTER PATIENTS AND
STAFF HAD SUFFERED NINE CASUALTIES IN A
THREE HOUR ATTACK BY EXTREMISTS.
DURING THE ATTACK BULLETS AND GRENADE SPLIN-
TERS RIDDLED THE HOSPITAL, WHICH WAS RUN
BY INDIAN CATHOLIC SISTERS. ONE PATI-
ENT WAS SHOT DEAD OUTSIDE AS HE TRIED TO
GET THROUGH WITH A MESSAGE TO THE BRITISH
FORCES. WHILE A GRENADE BURSTING IN THE
KITCHEN OF THE BUILDING KILLED TWO OF THE
LAY STAFF.

COLD WAVE IN BRITAIN

LONDON, DEC. 24. THESE ARE COLD WEA-
THER DAYS FOR MEN RE-
TURNED FROM THE FAR
EAST. WRITERS REG. FOSTER
SEASIDE LONDON. REPORT
TER.

Britain is having its coldest
spell of the winter and thousands
of men from Burma are trying
to believe that they once lived
for temperatures below freezing
point, plus a little bit of fog
which they are now enjoying.

Many places in South-East
England shivered during the
night, but none was colder than
Croydon, where the temperature
dropped to 22 degrees of frost.

Many London-bound trains were
late due to frozen points on the
tracks all over Southern England.
At Brentford County Court,
overseas were worn because the
boiler had burst. Meanwhile the
further outlook is "rather cold
or colder."

NO AGREEMENT

Brussels, Dec. 24. The Italian delegates to a
trade treaty conference with the
Belgian government and indus-
trialists left for home yesterday
without reaching any agreement,
a spokesman said.

"Only preliminary discussions
were held," he explained, and "it
is too early in the discussions to
make even a general statement on
what the trade treaty talks will
ultimately lead to." Associated
Press.

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Marshall's Tribute To Gen. Patton

Chungking, Dec. 24. General George C. Marshall, the
new U.S. Ambassador to China,
in a statement to-day declared
that the news of General George
Patton's death "comes as a great
shock to me."
He said he had recognized
Patton's genius since the Meuse-
Argonne battle in world war No.
1, where he was a "determined
and utterly fearless battle leader"
which was one of the reasons
that Marshall had selected Patton
to lead the Cambrian landing in
1942.

Marshall praised the third
army's Normandy breakthrough
but "it was his counter-attack
toward Bastogne and the tre-
mendous thrust to the Rhine at
Coblentz and into the rear of the
German armies in the Saar Basin
followed by a sudden crossing of
the Rhine that established General
Patton as one of the greatest
military leaders in our history."
Associated Press.

Master-Chemist In British Experiment

(By Dwight MacKenzie)

LONDON, DEC. 23. PRIME MINISTER CLEMENT
ATLEE IS THE MASTER
CHEMIST IN THIS LEFTIST POLITICAL-ECONOMIC
EXPERIMENT WHICH IF IT SHOULD GO WRONG
WOULD HAVE A TREMENDOUS REPERCUSSION
NOT ONLY ON ENGLAND BUT ON THE REST OF
THE GLOBE.

THE DIFFICULTY AS I SEE IT IS THAT CHEMIST
ATLEE IS EXPERIMENTING WITH AN UNTRIED MIX-
TURE, AND OF COURSE, HONESTY WON'T PRE-
VENT IT FROM BLOWING UP IN HIS FACE.

However, the steady hand
that comes from intent of pur-
pose certainly is vital.

Thus it is extremely interest-
ing to find that the Prime Minis-
ter is very religious. Indeed,
his whole approach to politics is
said to have been religious and
incidentally he has a brother who
is a Church of England clergyman.

Gradually, through religious
and social work, Atlee drifted
into politics. They say he has
small personal ambition and
never pushed himself, but the
Labour Party recognised his
integrity and thrust him into
the leadership of the party.

His home life fits perfectly
into this picture.
Mr. and Mrs. Atlee are home
folk. Mrs. Atlee is a housewife.
She does not mix in politics and
her only public activity is the
Red Cross.

Well, there you have the man
who is trying to turn England

AMERICAN PLANE DOWN IN RED AREA

Chungking, Dec. 24. A Communist dispatch to-day
said that the Communists have
notified the American marines to
send a crew to repair a Yank
plane which made forced landing
near Weihaiwei on Dec. 11 on
account of engine trouble, but
rejected the American proposal
to send a detachment of marines.
Another Communist dispatch
charged the Nationalists with
using poison gas against the
Communists near Paoing, in
Hopi province, on Nov. 27, kill-
ing one and affecting 40 others.—
Associated Press.

Madrid, Dec. 24. Mr. Emilio Alvarez, Secretary
of the International Control Com-
mittee in Tangier, and the Spanish
Consulate Zone, died at Tangier
to-day. He was an expert in
Moroccan affairs and was advisor
to the present Caliph in Spanish
Morocco.—Associated Press.

R.A.F. Made 9,000 Miles Of Runways

SINGAPORE, DEC. 23. RESTORATION OF AIRFIELDS TO A STATE OF EF-
FICIENCY, THE RECONDITIONING OF BUILDINGS
FOR R.A.F. USE, AND THE ORGANISATION OF
WATER AND ELECTRICITY SUPPLIES FROM
THE CHAOS LEFT BY THE JAPANESE IS A BIG JOB,
PARTICULARLY IN SINGAPORE, WHERE, OUT-
WARDLY, LITTLE DAMAGE IS NOTICEABLE.
THIS JOB IS NOW BEING UNDERTAKEN THROUGHOUT
MALAYA BY CONTINGENTS OF MEN BELONGING TO
THE AIR MINISTRY DIRECTORATE - GENERAL OF
WORKS.

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to service men, the Directorate
is responsible for the design,
execution and maintenance of
all R.A.F. buildings and civil
engineering works. It can be
termed one of the technical
branches of the Civil Service,
but its organisation is dyed-
into that of the Air Minis-
try.

BASIS OF VICTORY

Little of the limelight attached to
the more spectacular work of
the R.A.F. has fallen on the men
of "Works and Bricks." Yet their
rapid construction of airfields
throughout the British Isles, at a
critical period of the war, was the
essential basis of operations for
pulverising the German war ef-
fort.

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war in Europe, the total area of
concrete, laid in runways, taxi-
ways, motor tracks and aircraft dis-
persal points was approximately
100,000,000 square yards—enough
to build a highway 9,000 miles
long and 60 feet wide, reaching
from London to Peking. A.M.W.D.
was also responsible for the con-
struction of 1,000,000 pre-fabricated
buildings.

Thus the largest constructional
programme in Britain's history
was achieved.

MARKED FOR OKINAWA
In Malaya, airfield construction
units are acting as contractors to
A.M.W.D., under whose technical
control they operate.

A section of the "Tiger Force"
left the United Kingdom in Sept.
1944 for the building up of air-
strikes in Okinawa. With the sur-
render, 5358 Wines was diverted to
Hong Kong and the other Wing,
6363, reached Singapore on Oct. 8.
Under the direction of Group
Capt. J. P. F. Hawkins, Chief En-
gineer who served in the Far East
from 1934 to 1938 when the estab-
lishment of the R.A.F. in Singa-
pore was in its initial stages, the
staff of "Works and Bricks" have
been working "at high pressure"
since the day they arrived.

SERVICEMEN UNLUCKY

San Francisco, Dec. 24. Thousands of servicemen who
had visions of spending Christ-
mas at home are facing dis-
appointment in a tremendous
Pacific coast traffic jam.
There is no hope of transpor-
tation before Christmas for the
latest arrivals in western ports
where 145,000 men are awaiting
transportation to western army
and Navy depots. The jam was
one of a "first come, first served"
basis. Arrivals, however, add-

U.S. Turning Over Ships To China

NANKING, DEC. 24. VICE-ADMIRAL DANIEL E.
BARBEY, COMMANDER OF
THE U.S. SEVENTH FLEET,
CONFERRED HERE TO-DAY
WITH GENERAL JI-SHIM, O
CHIANG KAI-SHEK BUT SAID
AFTERWARDS ONLY THAT
THE "DISCUSSED SHIPPING
AND RELATED MATTERS."
There was strong indication that
the admiral had been invited to
discuss American naval aid in
moving Central Government troops
as hinted in President Truman's
statement on expanding American
naval aid to China. However, Ad-
miral Barbey did say that six
United States liberty ships now
finishing troop movements to
North China will be turned over
to China along with several L.S.T.
landing ships at Shanghai through
the war shipping board.
Barbey was decorated by Chiang
with the Order of the Cloud and
Banner, only 10 of which are in
existence.—Associated Press.

INDIA TO SIGN

Washington, Dec. 24. The
Agent-General for India
to-day received authorisation from
his government to sign the Bret-
ton Woods world monetary agree-
ment.
The Ceremony is scheduled to
be held at the State Department
on Dec. 27.—Associated Press.

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"JAVANESE PRINCE" (Operator C.P.R.) 28th December, 1945.

SAILING TO SHANGHAI

C.N. Co. S.S. "FAKHRI" ... 7 a.m. 23rd December, 1945.

C.N. Co. S.S. "KWEIYANG" ... 26th December, 1945.

I.C.S.N. Co. S.S. "WINGHANG" ... 1st January, 1946.

SAILINGS TO SWATOW

I.C.S.N. Co. S.S. "ESANG" ... 28th December, 1945.

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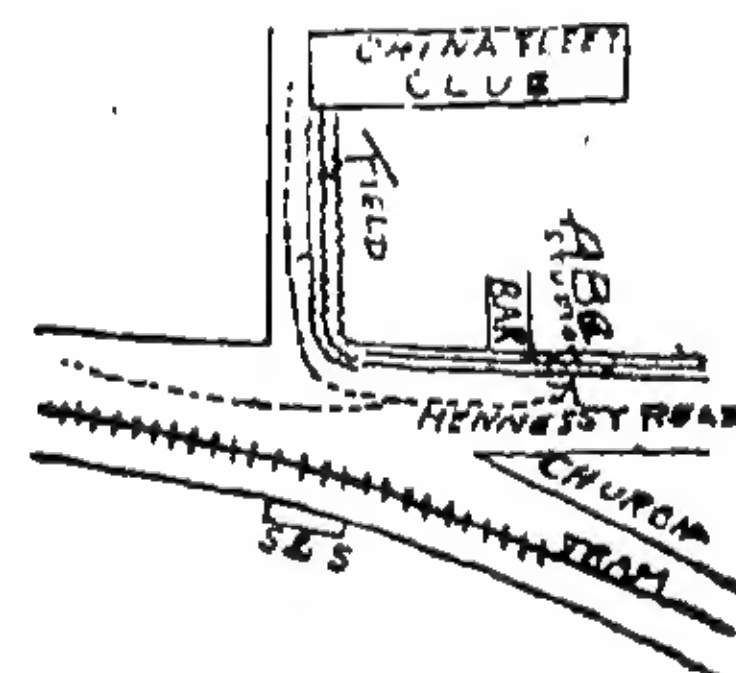
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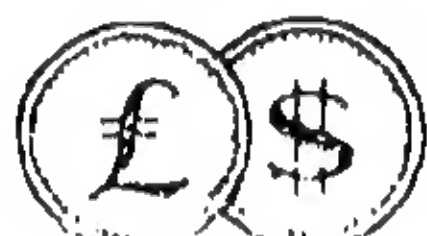
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UNRRA RELIEF IN CHINA

French Fear Of Germany

New York, Dec. 24.
France's stand on the question
of setting up a central administra-
tion in Germany received support
today in the form of an editorial
in the New York "Herald Tri-
bune."
Until now, the paper said, no
responsible American leader has
replied to the French criticism ex-
cept to make references to the de-
plorable economic conditions at
present prevailing in Germany and
to the Potsdam agreements of
which France was not a signatory.
The paper pointed out that
France fears that to form a cen-
tralized administration in Ger-
many without first revising her
western frontier will place France
in a situation similar to the one
brought about by the Versailles
treaty.
No effort towards solving the
problem of France's security has
been made during the past few
months, the paper continued, and
this question is much more im-
portant than that of Germany's
welfare.
The present situation is due to
the fact that there is no long-
term Allied policy towards Ger-
many, the New York "Herald Tri-
bune" concluded. Associated
Press.

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NEW YORK, DEC. 23.
MR. HERBERT LEHMAN, DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE
U.N.R.R.A. HAS ANNOUNCED THAT THE PRO-
GRAMME FOR THE FAR EAST IS DESTINED TO OC-
CUPY A MAJOR PLACE IN THE AGENCY'S FINAL
YEAR OF EXISTENCE.
IN A PROPOSED SCHEDULE PROVIDING FOR A WORLD-
WIDE EXPENDITURE OF ALMOST \$2,500,000,000
DURING THE OUTLINED PERIOD, THE FAR EAST
HAS BEEN ALLOTTED ALMOST \$700,000,000.

Lehman confirmed that China
will be the major field of opera-
tions in the Orient, with Korea,
Formosa and the Philippines re-
ceiving subsidiary attention.
The recent American Con-
gressional action authorized a
final contribution of \$1,350,000,
000, and the sum of \$750,000,000
has already been appropriated.
Lehman said in a press confer-
ence statement that an agreement
with the Chinese Government for
operations in China has been com-
pleted and that the agency has
been authorized to expend an amount
of \$1,000,000 TONS A MONTH
for the agency's overall shipments
into distressed areas have already
reached 1,000,000 tons monthly
with still larger amounts planned
during 1946, of which areas are des-
tined to receive huge amounts.
Lehman said the Chinese inland
distribution facilities will measure
the amounts of goods the agency
sends there.
"The flow of supplies to China
ports will proceed as fast as the
Chinese transportation system can
get them into the interior," he
said.
Regarding Formosa, Lehman
said the relief programme there
will be carried on as part of the
China programme and will be
executed as fast as conditions
there permit.

The Director-General stated
that the U.N.R.R.A. mission will be
entering Korea to determine the
needs of the American occupied
zone after which it is anticipated
it will enter the Russian zone of
occupation to determine the needs
there with the co-operation of the
Soviets.
Lehman said the agency is
rapidly augmenting to bring the
agency's existence to a close with
complete success not only in the
Far East but wherever it is
operating.
In addition to the formal pro-
gramme, Lehman said, there will
be an inauguration of an Ameri-
can campaign for vast amounts of
used clothing and foodstuffs which
will be used wherever conditions
demand. Associated Press.

Nothing left undone
The Hague, Dec. 24.
The Netherlands Government,
in a statement today, declared
that "nothing will be left undone
to further a solution of the in-
donesian problem in conformity
with the principles of the United
Nations charter."
The Dutch news agency Aneta
said the statement urged that
Japanese forces in the Nether-
lands East Indies be disarmed
with the quickest possible time
with the fullest protection given to
Allied former war prisoners and
internees.
Aneta said the statement was
issued in answer to the United
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STILL A PARIAN

Washington, Dec. 24.
The U.S. Ambassador to Spain,
Mr. Norman Armour, today said
that far General Franco has not
taken sufficiently vigorous steps
to make his government accept-
able to the United Nations.
He told news conference that
the only evidence of any change
in the Spanish Government has
been the removal of press super-
vision from the Falangist Party;
calling of municipal elections and
adoption of what the Spanish
Government called a "bill of
rights." Associated Press.

ROUND-WORLD ON INSPECTION

Washington, Dec. 24.
Three members of the Senate
War Investigating Committee
will begin a round world trip
on Thursday to determine what
is being done about disposing
of surplus government property.
They are Senators James
N. Tamm, Democrat of Dela-
ware, Hugh B. Mitchell, Demo-
crat of Washington, and Wil-
liam F. Knowland, republican
of California. Associated
Press.

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Press Battle In Spain

Madrid, Dec. 24.
There are persistent by unwork-
ing reports here that the stage is
being set for a legal battle to re-
store wholly or for the establish-
ment of some control by former
Spanish publishers over their
papers.
Papers confiscated by the Govern-
ment at the end of the civil war
included "El Liberal" and "El
Horizonte," which were abolished
when the publishing property was
taken over by Juan Pujol, who be-
gan publishing a highly profitable
evening paper, the "Madrid."
Then there were the Montoli
properties, which were turned over
to Manuel Aznar, now Minister
Plenipotentiary to the United
States, who created the popular
weekly picture magazine "Se-
mana."
Montoli, a mild Republican, fled
to Argentina where he began pub-
lishing again, but returned to
Spain some time ago and is mak-
ing an unsuccessful attempt to re-
cover his property.
It is expected that the Govern-
ment, and specially the Falange,
will fight desperately against any
attempt of recapturing publishing
undermined by former owners, says
the New York "Times" special
correspondent. It has consistently
defeated attempts at establish-
ing new ventures.
Under the present publishing
procedure, all papers must receive
newsprint through the Falange
Syndicate. Also none are allowed
to work on the editorial side of
any paper without the Falange
issuing a permit. Associated Press.

BLACK CATS IN LUCK

H.Q. Alfsea, Dec. 24.
The "Black Cat" (17 Indian)
Division now has its own rest
camp 55 miles south of Mouleim,
high up on the cliffs at Amherst,
overlooking the sea.
British and Indian soldiers
selected by their units go for one
of the best weeks they have ever
spent in the Army. If they don't
want to get up in the morning,
they stay in bed and nobody
bothers them.
There are organized games, a
cinema show every evening, and
small collapsible boats provided
for the sea is shallow and the
sands hard and flat. Many people
spend most of their week bathing
and just lazing about.
Lieut. W. P. Carr, of Heston,
Middlesex, is in charge of the camp.
His right-hand man is S.M. H.
Storer, of West Herts. and
Sergeant J. Burke, of Mansfield,
Nottingham, is in charge of the rationals.

ARMENIANS AGITATE
Moscow, Dec. 24.
The official Communist news-
paper "Pravda" today published
a Tass dispatch from Egypt re-
porting that a group of Armeni-
ans in Alexandria were seeking
to have Turkey give certain fron-
tier districts to Soviet Armenia.
It said that the group, known
as the Armenian National Coun-
cil, offered a one-point programme
based on the contention that
Turkey forcibly split up Armenia
after world war No. 1. Soviet
newspapers on Thursday pub-
lished demands of Georgians that
Turkey cede the strategic 100-
mile stretch of the Black Sea
coast to Russia. Associated
Press.

ATLANTIC AIRLINES

Washington, Dec. 24.
An American Airlines spokes-
man said his firm plans to in-
crease weekly flights from New
York to Amsterdam and Berlin
about Jan. 15, followed by a simi-
lar weekly service to Copenhagen
and Stockholm in February. Associated Press.

SUPERVISED BIRTHDAY

Tokyo, Dec. 24.
Crown Prince Akihito celebrated
his 12th birthday today in a
quiet, supervised day. The occa-
sion was highlighted by a rare
reunion with his parents, sisters
and brother. Associated Press.

American Interest In Far East Problems

SAN FRANCISCO, DEC. 23.
THE SAN FRANCISCO "CHRONICLE," WHICH WATCHES
THE ORIENT MORE CLOSELY THAN MOST AMERI-
CAN NEWSPAPERS, DEVOTED FIVE EDITORIALS
YESTERDAY TO FAR EASTERN SUBJECTS. JAP-
AN'S FOOD PROBLEM, GENERAL YAMASHITA,
GENERAL MACARTHUR'S STATEMENT ABOUT A
RADIO BROADCAST, JAVA AND SIAM.
THE NEWSPAPER DESCRIBED ITSELF AS SURPRISED
AND PUZZLED ABOUT THE FOOD SITUATION
IN JAPAN, IN VIEW OF THE CHARGE BY THE U.S.
HEALTH OFFICER IN TOKYO THAT THE JAPANESE
WERE TRYING TO DECEIVE OCCUPATION AU-
THORITIES ABOUT THEIR SUPPLIES IN ORDER TO
GET AID FROM THE UNITED STATES.

Noting the officer's calcula-
tions that fair distribution of
Japanese food will provide more
calories per person than Ger-
mans will get, the "Chronicle"
observed: "If this is the true
situation it is surprising" be-
cause the Japanese have had to
make heavy imports of food for
many years to feed the popula-
tion, "even on its low stand-
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slipshod vocal reporting during
the war.
Referring sarcastically to
"bright young chaps" and gen-
erally to "irresponsible radio
reporters," the "Chronicle" de-
clared self-discipline long has
been a maxim of United States
newspapers. The American
public will not long tolerate
such juvenile irresponsibility,
the "Chronicle" predicted. Associated Press.

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BRIDGE NOTES

West shouldn't have doubled the
Slam to begin with (even though
actually North had been guilty of
overbidding); but having doubled,
he should still have seen the jaws
of the trap South set for him.

South, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable
S. Q 9 7 5
H. A K
D. A 4 2
C. K 7
S. 6 5 2
H. Q 3 10
D. K 7 3
C. A 9 6 3
S. A K 10 8 4
H. 9 6 5
D. Q J 5
C. Q J

The bidding:
South West North East
1S Pass 3D Pass
2NT Pass 6S Pass
3S Pass 6N Pass

West opened the Queen of
hearts, dummy winning with the
King. South noted that he was
practically bound to lose both a
diamond and a club, so looked
around for some way to eliminate
one loser. After some thought, he
entered his own hand with a trump
and led the Jack of diamonds.

West quite properly played a
low diamond, although covering
with the King would have work-
ed out better for him in this
particular case. South's Jack of
diamonds held the trick, and he
then promptly led the Jack of
clubs. West foolishly imagined that
South intended to finesse against
the club Queen, so played a low
club to let his partner win a
trick. Had West taken his Ace
and exited safely with anything
but a diamond, he would have de-
flected the contract; but his low
club was fatal.

South promptly led to the heart
Ace, returned with a trump, ruff-
ed a heart in dummy, and then
led out the rest of his trumps.
West could keep only three cards,
so had to blank the club Ace for
fear of unguarding the King of
diamonds. Thereupon South led a
club, forcing West to win and re-
turn a diamond to the ten-ace in
the North-South hands.

Yesterday you were David
Bruce Burnside's partner and,
with neither side vulnerable, you
held:
S.—A Q 8 4
H.—A J 7 3
D.—9 4
C.—6 2

The bidding:
You Jacoby Burnstone Schenken
1S Pass 1NT Pass
2H Pass 2NT Pass
(?)

ANSWER: Pass. You have no
assurance that three of a major
will be a better contract than two
no-trump, and to bid would prob-
ably encourage your partner to
go on to 3. Since you have
only a minimum opening bid and
your partner's bids show only fair
strength there should not be a
game.

Score 100 per cent for pass, 80
per cent for three spades, 25 per
cent for three no-trump, 0 for any
other bid.

QUESTION

To-day you are Merwin Maier's
partner and, with neither side vul-
nerable, you hold:

S.—A Q 8 5
H.—A J 9 6
D.—10 9 7
C.—J 8

The bidding:
You Schenken Maier Jacoby
1S Pass 1NT Pass
(?)

What do you bid? (Answer on
Friday).

Belgium Ahead In Recovery Race

LIEGE, BELGIUM, DEC. 23.
SIR A. RAMASWAMI MUDALIAR ARRIVED HERE LAST
NIGHT TO BEGIN A STUDY OF INDUSTRIAL PLANS
OF THIS SECTION OF BELGIUM, WHICH IS CREDIT-
ED WITH BEING THE MOST ADVANCED COUNTRY
ON THE ROAD TO RECOVERY IN ALL OF EUROPE.
MUDALIAR IS MINISTER CHARGED WITH THE INDUS-
TRIALISING OF INDIA.

Accompanied by the Governor
of Liege Province, the visitor
went first to see a representa-
tive firm of the Belgian glass-
making industry and selected the
famous crystaleries of Val St.
Lambert, where he seemed most
impressed with the gold-inlaid
pieces of art in the mouth-
piece of a glass. He had no doubt
that India would be able to ex-
change some of her products for
Belgian crystal.

At the national arms factory
Mudaliar refused the gift of a
pistol explaining it was against
his religion to carry arms.
Among other things, the vis-
itor witnessed an exciting test

given to a new motor-cycle with
side-car on a proving ground
near here, then he visited the
ship and locomotive works and
attended a luncheon in his
honour.
"I have been shocked at the
sight of the destruction due to
the war," he said, "but I have
been pleasantly surprised to see
the determination of everybody
to resume the work of restora-
tion."

"Management, labour and the
whole population are led by a
resolute optimism as to the fu-
ture and I am convinced that
Belgium will be among the first
to recover." Associated Press.

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OF RUSSIA IN 1945.Photographed by cameramen of the United States of America,
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Norway & Great Britain. (U.S. Government) were killed. It reported
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Sale Of Jeeps

Manila, Dec. 24.
The sale of \$17,000,000 worth
of surplus United States Army
and Navy materials in the Philip-
pines during the first six weeks
of its operation has been an-
nounced by the Foreign Liquid-
ation Commission in the Pacific
office.Food sales totalled \$11,000,000,
hospital and medical supplies
\$1,500,000 and aircraft and parts
\$1,500,000.
Jeeps and trucks which are on
sale this week are expected to
substantially improve the island
transport situation. Associated
Press.Application
For EvictionA successful application for
eviction was brought by Yung Yau
Kang against Kow Kow yesterday
in respect of the first floor of No.
70, Queen's Road Central before a
Tenancy Tribunal comprising of
Mr. W. S. Thomas, Tani, the Rev.
Frank Short and Mr. R. A. Silva.
The ground for the application
was that the tenant was not the
proper person to occupy the premises
and refused to pay rent.Yung Yau Kang, rent collector for the
Sun Tai Tong, testified to finding
applicant in possession of the
premises in October this year. The
former tenants, the Chung Wah
Studio, were turned out by the
Japanese in 1942.Kow Kow and he sublet part
of the premises from the Chung
Wah Studio and when the latter
moved away, he took over the
whole flat.
After a short adjournment, the
Tribunal ordered that the appli-
cant be given the premises as from
Jan. 15, 1946.

CASE AGREED

A case in which Chan Kam long
applied for the eviction of the
Sun Sun Company, of No. 8, Con-
naught Road Central, came for
hearing again yesterday before
the tribunal comprising of Messrs.
M. W. Lo, R. Childe and Hon. Man-
wan.Mr. Sidney Ng Quinn, for the
applicant, announced that the par-
ties had come to an agreement
under which applicant had agreed
to quit the premises on or before
Jan. 5, 1946.The respondents were represented
by Mr. Alfred Y. Hon.

RENTS SINCE PAID

Before the same tribunal,
another application for eviction
was brought by Yung Kine-tak
against the Kwong Fook-tai firm,
of No. 97, Jervois Street, ground
floor.Mr. J. T. Prior, representing the
applicant, said that the grounds
of the application were that the
tenant was in arrears, but since
notice was served, applicant had
paid the rents. In view of this,
applicant no longer required an
eviction order.

BLIND SERVICE

Because the affirmation was
served by a blind man, the appli-
cant, on the applicant, an applica-
tion for eviction was adjourned by
a Tenancy Tribunal for re-service.The application was made by
Chau Kwong Yan against Betty
Yau, of No. 7, Wongneichong
Road, ground floor.The tribunal comprised Messrs.
A. E. Arculet, Henry Wong and B.
Abraham.Gen. MacArthur's
Xmas Message

Tokyo, Dec. 24.

General Douglas MacArthur to-
day issued the following Christ-
mas statement:"On this Christmas Day—the
first in five years on which our
guns have been silent—I join with
all members of this command in
thanking God for our deliverance
from the death and destruction of
war and pray that our merciful
Lord will sustain us in our efforts
to realize in its fullest the ideal
which Christ brought to the world—
peace on earth and to all men
good will."—Associated Press.Netherlands Want A
Quick SolutionLONDON, DEC. 24.
THE HILVERSUM RADIO, HEARD HERE ON SUNDAY,
SAID: THE NETHERLANDS GOVERNMENT HAS
ISSUED A STATEMENT REPLYING TO UNITED
STATES NOTE EXPRESSING CONCERN OVER THE
SITUATION IN INDONESIA.
ACCORDING TO THE RADIO, THE DUTCH GOVERNMENT
REPLY SAID THE HAGUE WISHES "WITH ALL
MEANS AT ITS DISPOSAL" TO SEEK "A QUICK AND
PEACEFUL SOLUTION" OF THE STRIFE.The United States note was
dated Dec. 19 and declared that
"the United States cannot fail
to be deeply interested in a solu-
tion which may be achieved of
problems that are of vital im-
portance to the entire world."The Dutch answer said the
Hague "completely understands
the difficulties connected with
the task of the Supreme Com-
mand, but it must again stress
that this task, namely the
evacuation and disarmament of
the Japanese army and the re-
cue and protection of prisoners
of war and internees, should be
carried out despite these dif-
ficulties."The broadcast quoted the
statement as saying the talks be-
tween the Dutch and IndonesianGreyhound Dope
Racket In U.K.

(By Vernon Morgan, Reuter's Sports Editor).

LONDON, DEC. 24.
BRITAIN, LIKE INDIA, HAS HER DOPE FIENDS. NOT
THE DRUG ADDICT KIND BUT THOSE WHO AD-
MINISTER NARCOTICS TO ANIMALS FOR PROFIT.
IN INDIA IT WAS HORSES, HERE IT IS GREY-
HOUNDS.THE BRITISH TURF FOR MANY YEARS HAS BEEN SIN-
GULARLY FREE EVEN OF THE SLIGHTEST SUS-
PICIONS OF DOPING DUE POSSIBLY TO THE FACT
THAT IT IS FAR SAFER FOR THE JOCKEY TO BE
TOLD THAT HIS HORSE IS NOT OUT TO WIN AND
BECAUSE THE TURF AUTHORITIES WATCH RAC-
ING VERY CLOSELY.So closely that even those who
give the horses a "race just for
the good of their health," do not
always get away with it.Only this week the Racing
Calendar contains a notice that
the Stewards of the National
Hunt Committee have severely
censured one of the leading
trainers as to the future of the
running of horses trained by
him, with the view to consider-
ing the renewal of his licence
when his present one expires.With dope, it is different as
there is no human element at-
tached and the only way to stop a
doping is to see that it cannot be
done. Consequently, there have
been many cases throughout the
country for many years of pre-
venting the dogs from winning
and lots of methods are adopted,
such as a 4 oz. of water before
the race, tickling the muzzle
too tightly, pulling rubber bands
on the feet and of course the
administering of drugs to the
animals.

BURST WIDE OPEN

The whole racket has now been
burst wide open with the state-
ment that a gang had engineered
at the famous White City track in
London, a win for an outsider,
"Bald Truth," in one of the races.
It was not until this outsider
rumped home by 15 lengths and
bets began to pour in for it from
various parts of the country that
it was obvious that the remainder
of the field had been done so that
"Bald Truth" should win.It is estimated that at least
£100,000 was cleaned up by "Bald
Truth's" win. He was backed on
the tote, with book makers at the
track and in starting-price offices,
and not only in single bets but in
forwards.The Greyhound Racing Associa-
tion immediately offered £1,000 as
a reward for information leading
to the arrest of the dopers but at
present they are still at large
though some arrests are said to
be imminent.

INGENUOUS TRICK

Doping "Bald Truth" was done
in the most ingenious fashion by a
man hiding all right in a bale of
straw and giving doped food to
Bald Truth's opponents just before
the race. It was first thought
that chloroform, which is a sedative
drug with the smell of mothballs
and obtainable at any chemist for
a penny a capsule had been used
but an analyst report shows that
some secret drug had been mixed
with it.Ever since the White City dop-
ing, detectives and police have
been watching tracks throughout
the country to try and get some
due to this big brain job.It is estimated that at least
1,500 policemen will be specially
watching and guarding dogs from
the Tyne down to the South coast
over Christmas, when greyhound
fans have a feast of entertain-
ment.This dog doping is yet another
part of the post-war crime wave
which is sweeping the country.—
Reuter.New York, Dec. 24.
Sayvold Lee Paterson, New Jew-
sey heavyweight yesterday knock-
ed out Otis Oliver, of Washington,
in the first round, Sayvold weigh-
ed 199-112 lbs. and Oliver 201-112
lbs.—Associated Press.H.K. SKITTLED
OUT FOR 34In a low scoring game at the
Hong Kong Cricket Club ground
yesterday, Royal Air Force beat
a Hong Kong eleven by 37 runs
in the Quadrangular Tournament.Bowlers had the upper hand
with batmen failing badly
against some really fine bow-
ling. Ward of the R.A.F. re-
turned the remarkable analysis
of eight wickets for only 17
runs.The scores were:
Hong Kong: 34 (G. S.
Gosman 12; Ward 8 for 17)
R.A.F.: 71 (L. A. C. Billing-
ton 50; J. L. Col. Owen Hughes 5 for
11).ROYAL SIGNALS
CONCERT PARTYOfficers and men of the Royal
Signals were working hard to-day
completing arrangements in the
Kowloon Tong Club hall for a
concert to-night.A non-stop revue, "The Signal-
men's" will be presented by Ken
Barrett, John Russell and Bob
Jarman.The show features The
Royal Signals choir, John and
Bob in "Business with a Bunt," a
comedy "Orders is Orders," The
Intelligence Corps Crazy Show,
Royce and Company in "Looking
at Life," a radio burlesque titled
"Radio 131" and music by the
"Signalmen's Swingette."The show will commence at 7
p.m. Civilians can attend only by
invitation. A dance will be held
after the concert at the club hall.
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MUKDEN OCCUPATION All Worked Out With Russian Officers

10 MURDERS IN MUKDEN A NIGHT

Tientsin, Dec. 24. "Ta Kung Pao" printed a dispatch from Changchun quoting Gen. Chang Le-chien as saying murders in Mukden averaged 10 a night.

It said the business hours of the few shops operating in Mukden were from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., with little travel on the city's streets at night. Gunfire was reported as being heard frequently. Associated Press.

Calm Down And Negotiate

CHUNGKING, DEC. 24. THE CHINESE PRESS TO DAY WIDELY COMMENTED ON GENERAL MARSHALL'S MISSION TO CHINA AS PRESIDENT TRUMAN'S SPECIAL AMBASSADOR.

The "Current Affairs Daily", a financial paper, urged both parties to "cease fire and calm down and negotiate with sincerity and candour". The paper added: "What is expected of General Marshall is that he will speed up the negotiations between the Kuomintang and Communists. If both parties are sincere, they must not repeat the mistake of negotiating and fighting at the same time."

The Communist paper, "New China Daily News", gave a list of reasons for its interviews on the eve of General Marshall's arrival in Chungking.

The paper reported the President of the Democratic League as saying: "I hope that General Marshall will not be deceived by high sounding words. General Hurley's mistake was that he did not have a real understanding of the situation. He was willing to understand China. Major General Hurley insisted that the present Government was democratic, though it was plain daylight that it was undemocratic and in the hands of the Kuomintang."

CHANG CONDOLENCES

Nanking, Dec. 24. Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek sent his condolences to Mrs. George Patton, Jr. on the death of her husband, the famed American general. The text of Chiang's message was not released. Associated Press.

Vengeance Gives Kids A Grand Time

H.M.S. VENGEANCE, ONE OF THE FIRST SHIPS TO ARRIVE IN HONG KONG AFTER JAPAN'S SURRENDER, WILL LONG BE REMEMBERED FOR THE PART SHE PLAYED IN THE RE-OCCUPATION OF HONG KONG AND OVER 200 CHILDREN WILL HAVE CAUSE LONG TO REMEMBER THE HAPPY AFTERNOON SPENT ON BOARD YESTERDAY WHEN THEY WERE THE GUESTS OF THE OFFICERS AND MEN AT A CHRISTMAS TEA PARTY.

No effort was spared to give the youngsters a good time. The hangar of the ship was gaily decorated with flags and coloured lamps, and there was no lack of escorts, the men enjoying the afternoon every bit as did the youngsters.

Captain D. M. Neame was engaged elsewhere, and the children were received by Commander Emmanuel, R.N.

They were first taken to the flying deck where they spent some time on the aerial railway shuttles and truck rides. Later they were taken to the hangar, where a number of side shows had been provided, in fact all the fun of the fair, Lucky Dip, Magic Pond, Magic Ring, Kicking the Football and Skittles.

Winners at the side shows were given prizes in chocolates, and as there was no charge for the games, the kiddies took full advantage of the opportunity. The big supply at the counter was soon exhausted and fresh supplies were necessary.

The ship's band played throughout the afternoon and after tea was served, the party was treated to a cinema show, and later Father Christmas (Cdr. (E) Laycock) assisted by Lt.-Commander Wyatt and the Rev. Banister, R.N.V.R., distributed toys from the Christmas tree.

Before tea, Admiral Sir Cecil Harcourt came aboard and spent some time at the various stalls.

The children already well laden, before leaving were given further sweets and a Christmas card with a photo of the ship.

They were a tired and happy lot, and the three hearty cheers to the ship was a genuine expression of thanks for a happy time on board.

It is noteworthy that the majority of the toys were made by the men on board all in the space of

Chungking Troops' Progress

PEIPING, DEC. 24. EFFORTS OF CHINA'S NATIONAL GOVERNMENT TO GAIN PHYSICAL POSSESSION OF MANCHURIA APPEARED PROGRESSING AS LIAISON TROOPS MOVED TOWARD FOUR OBJECTIVES AND OTHER UNITS WERE REPORTED TO BE READY TO FLY TO CHANGCHUN THIS WEEK.

FROM CHINHSHEN CAME WORD THAT THE MAIN RAIL LINE TO MUKDEN, WHICH HAD BEEN BLASTED BY CHINESE COMMUNISTS BETWEEN KOW PANG TZE AND HSINMIN, HAS BEEN RESTORED.

The China Central News Agency reported that Nationalist troops marching along the line reached their rendezvous point at Tsingtsze village. They will be met by liaison officers of the Russian army.

Details of the Mukden occupation have all been worked in a meeting between the Russian and Chinese at Hsinmin, 37 miles from Mukden.

Another Chinese liaison team is reported to be sweeping further north on a branch rail line connecting with the Mukden-Changchun main line.

A third team is moving along the Japanese-built railway leading into the heart of Jehol province.

HULUTAO LANDING. A fourth team heading south-eastward down the branch line to Yinkou and Dairen was to meet a Russian party at Pao-shan.

Another encouraging factor is the landing of about 5,000 Nationalist troops at the port of Hulutao by United States 7th Fleet transports, and also 46 trucks and other vehicles.

From Hulutao, the National Government forces have a 30 mile advance to make before reaching General Tu Liang's Chinshen headquarters. Associated Press.

NO INFORMATION. Chungking, Dec. 24. Seven Chinese quarters said today they were unable to confirm the "Army and Navy Journal" story that Stalin does not want heavily augmented Chinese forces occupying Manchuria.

They pointed out that the Sino-Soviet Treaty provides no limitation to the number of Chinese troops in Manchuria and any attempt to impose such limitation clearly violates China's sovereign rights.

General Marshall also professed to have no information on statements of the Big Three talks influencing the movement of Chinese troops. Associated Press.

Khali Refuses To Be Edged Out

TEHRAN, DEC. 24. PARLIAMENT MET TO-DAY TO DISCUSS THE NATIONAL BUDGET BUT NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON THURSDAY'S CABINET APPOINTMENT WHICH HAS GIVEN THE COUNTRY TWO MINISTERS OF INTERIOR.

PARLIAMENTARIANS AGREE THAT KHALI FAHIMI, REPLACED BY PREMIER HAKIMI, COULD NOT BE DEPRIVED OF HIS POST UNLESS HE RESIGNS OR THE ENTIRE HAKIMI CABINET IS DISSOLVED. FAHIMI SAID HE WOULD NOT RELINQUISH HIS MINISTRY.

PARIS NEWSPAPER STRIKE

Paris, Dec. 24. Sunday morning newspapers were delayed for three hours before the strike of pressmen and print shop maintenance workers for higher wages was called off.

The Union has agreed to wait until Jan. 20 while the publishers attempt to get permission to enlarge the present two-page paper to four pages and raise the price from two francs to three francs in order to meet salary demands. Associated Press.

NEW CARDINALS

Vatican City, Dec. 24. His Holiness, Pope Pius today called a consistory for Feb. 18, 1946, in order to create 32 new Cardinals. Associated Press.

Four Cardinals For U.S.A.

VATICAN CITY, DEC. 24. AN ANNOUNCEMENT PUBLISHED IN AN EXTRA-ORDINARY EDITION OF THE VATICAN CITY NEWSPAPER "OBSERVATORE ROMANO" TO-DAY NAMED FOUR NEW CARDINALS FOR THE UNITED STATES.

They are, Monsignors John Glennon, Archbishop of St. Louis, Edward Mooney, Archbishop of Detroit, Samuel Alphonsus Archbishop of Chicago and Francis J. Spellman, Archbishop of New York.

The announcement of the new cardinals has filled out the College of Cardinals to the normal number of 70. Associated Press.

Morris Cars Get Big Orders

London, Dec. 24. Sir Miles Thomas, Vice-Chairman of the Nuffield organisation, one of Britain's leading motor-car manufacturing concerns, who returned home to day after flying nearly 1,400 miles in 10 days obtained over £1,200,000 worth of export trade for Britain in cars and trucks.

He visited Cairo, Karachi and Calcutta, had discussions with export agents in the Middle East centres and approved the site for a car assembly factory in an East Indian city.

"The trip was strenuous, but well worth while," Sir Miles said. "We plan to ship overseas over 50 per cent of our car output for 1946. British medium-sized high quality cars have a definite future abroad. Economy in operation and freedom from excessive maintenance charges are big factors in our favour," he said. Reuter.

Trophies Of The Chase

S.E.A.C. Headquarters, Dec. 24. In the first formal presentation to war correspondents in the South-East Asia Command, Major-General Gracey, Head of the S.E.A.C. Control Commission in Saigon, has handed Japanese swords to Michael MacDonagh of Reuters and A. Grumich of the Associated Press of America.

Both correspondents saw extensive service with the Burma Forces in the drive from Imphal to Rangoon and have been attached to the 20th Indian Division since its arrival in Indo-China.

In a brief address, General Gracey congratulated the correspondents on their work in Burma under the most arduous and difficult conditions. Reuter.

REZAICH NO' DS

Toheran, Dec. 24. An Iranian Staff officer to-day said that Kurdish tribesmen have joined in the defence of the Iranian Army's Persian frontier. He said the reinforced post, holding out against its besiegers whom he described as "Assyrian and Caucasian democrats."

Meanwhile, Russian Embassy and Consular Officials still withheld permits for foreign newsmen and American State Department officials to visit Northern Iran. They stated that the applications had not yet been approved by the Military Government. Associated Press.

The newly-appointed minister of interior, Allahyar Saleh, was received by the Shah and, on Thursday, ordered the government to conduct elections of provincial councils, previously unauthorised by the Central Government.

The Premier conferred with the American Ambassador and stated that he was not only ready to make concessions to the partisans but had already advised them that he is willing to have Turkish language taught in Azerbaijan schools.

The insurgents said that they would be "willing to cooperate with the Central Government, but would conduct provincial affairs with their own government."

Under such a plan only the functions of the ministry of foreign affairs would be left to the Toheran Government. Associated Press.

Christmas Pilgrimage

Bethlehem, Dec. 24. This little town nestled in the rolling hills of Judea will be the scene again to-morrow of the annual pilgrimage to the holy sacred spot where Christ was born nearly 2,000 years ago.

After a full day of prayer and benediction, of colourful processions and solemn meditation, the hundreds who came from afar, will witness the impressive annual ceremony of the celebration of the birth of Christ in Saint Catherine's which adjoins the Church of the Nativity. Associated Press.

Little Glass Eye Going Into Witness Box

Yokohama, Dec. 24. Tatsuo Tsuchiya, Japanese prison camp guard accused of killing an American prisoner of war, took the stand in his own defense to-day, but the language barrier the difficulty of translation of his preliminary testimony caused the American military commission to recess the trial until Wednesday.

Before "Little Glass Eye" took the witness stand, however, the tribunal ruled that he would testify on his own behalf or remain silent. The judges also ruled, however, that if he failed to testify the prosecution would be allowed to comment on his refusal. The prosecution had argued that Tsuchiya was in the best position to give details on his conduct, and if he chose not to the prosecution should be allowed to comment on the fact.

Tsuchiya's American defense counsel contended that such comment would go beyond the presumption that he was presumed innocent, until proved guilty, to which the prosecution replied that Tsuchiya is not entitled to that protection which is given American citizens under the constitution. Associated Press.

Atomic Bomb And Intelligence Beeds

WASHINGTON, DEC. 21. SENATOR FERGUSON, REPUBLICAN OF MICHIGAN, HAS TURNED UP A LOT OF VALUABLE INFORMATION FOR CONGRESS ON SIDE ISSUES INCLUDING THAT OF UNIFYING THE ARMY AND THE NAVY.

"THE RECORD OF THE HEARINGS IS SOMETHING THAT MEMBERS OF CONGRESS WILL FIND OF INTEREST," HE TOLD REPORTERS. "IT WILL ALSO BEAR EXAMINATION WHEN CONSIDERATION IS GIVEN TO THE CREATION OF A CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE SERVICE."

Ferguson emphasised that he was drawing no conclusions yet. The Committee recessed for the Christmas holidays and has heard only a dozen of the 60 witnesses.

In discussing intelligence needs, Ferguson said it was obvious the atomic bomb made it imperative for the United States to have prompt information on what was going on in other countries.

"I don't mean spying," he said. "I mean information on resources and capabilities of other nations."

Ferguson said he expected the Committee to gain evidence that has not been submitted to any of the other seven or eight Pearl Harbour investigations when it calls in translators and decoders of intercepted Japanese was supposed to have translated the Japanese message on Dec. 6, 1941, which the Navy records show was not finally translated until Dec. 11, four days after the attack.

The message was from a Japanese spy in Honolulu advising Tokyo of a new system by which he would signal warship movements. Flashing of lights from a window and certain phrases in newspaper want ads were to be employed. Associated Press.

WHITE HOUSE XMAS

Washington, Dec. 24. President Truman will lead the nation in the first peacetime Christmas celebration in five years. He will switch on the lights of the huge White House Christmas Tree on Monday evening and broadcast greetings to the war wounded of the world. Associated Press.

He said that in those early days the "Indian people implicitly believed the Britishers when they told them: 'You have only to ask for freedom to get it.'"

"And when Congress was formed for that purpose," he continued, "the British Government, with routine precision replied: 'Thanks very much for those resolutions, you passed at your Annual Congress Conference. We are considering them and shall let you know in due course.'"

Doctor Voring said: "If the people in England can kiss dogs, surely the Indians could do the easier thing and be kind to the untouchables."

Doctor K. Shalvankar, referring to what he called the "dishonest British rule of 100 years," said: "To the British, India's debtor or creditor position was merely a matter of adjusting books."

Konoye's Memoirs In Conflict With Facts

SAN FRANCISCO, DEC. 24. TWO SAN FRANCISCO NEWSPAPERS, COMMENTING ON PRINCE KONOYE'S DEATH AND POSTHUMOUSLY PUBLISHED MEMOIRS, TOOK SHARP ISSUE WITH SOME OF HIS LAST STATEMENTS.

THE MODESTO "BEE" OF THE MCLATCHY NEWSPAPER CHAIN DECLARED BLUNTLY IT BELIEVED HISTORY WOULD APPRAISE THE LATE PRINCE AS ONE OF JAPAN'S FOREMOST FOMENTERS OF WAR.

The San Francisco "Chronicle" said editorially that Konoye's memoirs that Foreign Minister Matsuoka knew of the German plan to attack Russia when he signed the Russo-Japanese neutrality treaty is hardly consistent with the known facts.

"Prince Konoye's 11th hour protestations, before taking a lethal dose of poison, that he worked for peace during his three years as Japan's premier do not stand up in the light of history," the "Bee" said in an editorial.

"Months and years may be required to untangle the confused skein of events in Nippon prior to the outbreak of the war with the United States. But this much seems evident; that the most definite steps toward war were taken while Konoye sat as premier."

"And while it may be true that he did not occupy that office on Dec. 7, 1941, the bomb had been made and it remained only for someone else to light the fuse."

"Aggression against China was undertaken while Konoye sat as premier. Konoye flatly rejected protests of the United States. Konoye refused all offers to permit a third party to arbitrate the Sino-Japanese war. KONOYE'S ACTS."

"Konoye was the premier who signed military pacts with Germany and Italy. And on Oct. 6, 1940, Konoye bluntly predicted war with the United States 'if the United States refused to understand the real intention of Japan, Germany and Italy in concluding an alliance for positive cooperation in creating a new world order.'"

"These are not the words of a peace-loving man. Indeed, quick reading of Japanese history between 1930 and 1940 gives the impression there was a distinct slow-down in Japan's military aggressiveness during the periods when Konoye was not premier."

"SPIRITUAL ANGUISH." "It would appear that Konoye did not commit suicide because of the great spiritual anguish he felt at being unjustly accused as a war criminal, as he indicated. Rather, it would appear he knew a trial and revelation of history would convict him as one of Japan's foremost war criminals if not the foremost."

The "Chronicle" asserted that contrary to Konoye's statement that Matsuoka knew of German attack plans when he signed the Russo-Japanese neutrality pact was the fact that "news of Hitler's attack on Russia cooked Matsuoka's goose with his people and he knew it. He waited a few days and resigned."

NOT CONCEIVABLE. "The tripartite pact signed on Sept. 27, 1940, was his responsibility; he had struck hands with Stalin on April 13, 1941; Hitler assailed Soviet Russia on June 22, 1941; the Japanese nation knew whom to hold accountable for the terrific shock of this last action."

"It is not conceivable that Matsuoka would have stepped into this trap if he had known Hitler's intentions. Nor is it likely the Germans told their plans to this Japanese. Their contempt for their Oriental partner is too well known."

"According to Ambassador Grew, Matsuoka was challenged again and again to refute evidence of Germany's deliberate deception of Japan. Although the hapless foreign minister never succeeded in doing so publicly, it is possible that he got Konoye to believe the cock and bull story which Konoye relates in his memoirs." Associated Press.

Unity, Tolerance And Understanding

LONDON, DEC. 24. VARIOUS SPEAKERS AT THE INDIA LEAGUE "EMERGENCY CONFERENCE" ON SUNDAY CALLED FOR UNITY, TOLERANCE AND UNDERSTANDING AS VITAL TO INDIA'S FREEDOM.

DOCTOR H. VERMA, OF THE INDIA ASSOCIATION OF LONDON, SEEKING IN HINDUSTANI RE-CALLED HIS EXPERIENCES AS AN OLD CONGRESSMAN AND A CO-WORKER OF DADABHAI NAVROJI.

He said that in those early days the "Indian people implicitly believed the Britishers when they told them: 'You have only to ask for freedom to get it.'"

"And when Congress was formed for that purpose," he continued, "the British Government, with routine precision replied: 'Thanks very much for those resolutions, you passed at your Annual Congress Conference. We are considering them and shall let you know in due course.'"

Doctor Voring said: "If the people in England can kiss dogs, surely the Indians could do the easier thing and be kind to the untouchables."

Doctor K. Shalvankar, referring to what he called the "dishonest British rule of 100 years," said: "To the British, India's debtor or creditor position was merely a matter of adjusting books."

Maneck Vaidar sketched the work done by the Central Indian Committee created in February 1943 to cope with increased activities in London.

V. K. Kallappa, editor and Indian Trade Unionist spoke on resolutions touching on civil liberties.

Other resolutions dealt with were: Indian Independence, Indian National Army trials, release of political prisoners and the recent Calcutta shootings. Associated Press.

THE FRENCH FRANG. Paris, Dec. 24. Several committee members said that Minister Rene Floren has indicated a proposal for devaluation which might be submitted to a meeting of the cabinet to-day.

Newspaper and financial circles predicted that the franc would be pegged at 125 to the dollar and 600 to the pound sterling. Associated Press.

JAPS CENSURED

Tokyo, Dec. 24. The Japanese Government was to-day censured by Allied Headquarters for its failure to distribute large quantities of military medical supplies to civilian hospitals and doctors.

The American authorities called the Government's attention to the memorandum of Sept. 24 directing the Home Ministry to distribute certain supplies for public allocation. Associated Press.

Admiralty's Xmas Message

The following Christmas message has been received from the Admiralty:

The Board of Admiralty send their greetings and good wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all Officers and men of the Royal Navy, and to their families at home and abroad.

In this year of victory, they also wish to extend the warmest greetings to the W.R.N.S., to the Q.A.R.N.S. and to all those in the civil employment of the Admiralty throughout the world, whose devotion and hard work has continued so greatly to the success of our aims.

Throughout the struggle now happily ended the Royal Navy has maintained its highest traditions of courage and loyalty. Though the great tasks of war are done, difficult years of reconstruction lie ahead, in which some of those who are now in the Navy will have their part to play in a different sphere.

To those for whom this Christmas will be their last in the Royal Navy or in Admiralty service, Lordships wish all success in civilian life, to those who continue to serve, they express their hope for a speedy completion of the many duties which remain to be accomplished before tranquility and peace reign in the world.

"A HAPPY CHRISTMAS"

RADIO

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25th 1945. BROADCAST MESSAGE BY C.M.G. EMPIRE. WELD ROUND-UP AND H.M. THE KING.

ZBW HONGKONG broadcasting on a frequency of (40) Kilocycles and from 12.30 to 1.30 p.m., 6.30 to 7.30 p.m. and 9.00 to 11.00 p.m. also on 9.53 Megacycles.

E.K.T. 12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary. 12.32 p.m.—Concert Waltzes & Tangos. 12.45 p.m.—Christmas Concert. 1.00 p.m.—News & Announcements. 1.10 p.m.—Christmas Concert (Cont.). 1.30 p.m.—Half-an-Hour of Light Variety. 2.00 p.m.—Close Down. 2.06 p.m.—Artie Shaw and His Orchestra with Bing Crosby. 2.30 p.m.—"Music with a Lilt"—ENSA. 3.00 p.m.—Songs from the Shows. 3.30 p.m.—Twelve Supper Operettas. 3.47 p.m.—Songs by Dennis Noble (Baritone).

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—News. 7.15 p.m.—Special Anniversary Broadcast Message by H.B. the Commander-in-Chief—from the Studio. 7.30 p.m.—An Eight Programme. 8.00 p.m.—Load n' Relay—"Xmas Variety Band-Box". 8.30 p.m.—London Relay—News. 8.35 p.m.—"Music with a Lilt"—ENSA. 9.30 p.m.—Light Orchestral Selections. 10.00 p.m.—London Relay—"Xmas World Sound-Up"—hearer You May Be—followed by H.M. The King. 11.00 p.m.—Close Down.

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26th 1945. CLASSICAL REQUEST HOUR. ZBW HONGKONG broadcasting on a frequency of 640 Kilocycles and from 12.30 to 1.30 p.m., 6.30 to 7.30 p.m. and 9.00 to 11.00 p.m. also on 9.53 Megacycles.

E.K.T. 12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary. 12.32 p.m.—Film Selections. 1.00 p.m.—News & Announcements. 1.10 p.m.—Sain de Costa at the Piano. 1.30 p.m.—Compositions of Colebridge Taylor. 2.00 p.m.—Close Down. 2.06 p.m.—"Yor Eye"—The Singing Sailor—ENSA. 2.30 p.m.—Light Organ Interlude. 2.50 p.m.—Music of Raymond Remberg. 3.00 p.m.—Albert Savador (Violin) and His Orchestra. 3.30 p.m.—Parrell—Suite for Dido & Amans. 3.47 p.m.—Songs by Elda Suddaby (Soprano). 7.00 p.m.—London Relay—News. 7.15 p.m.—"Romance and Rhythm"—ENSA. 7.30 p.m.—Do Groot & His Orchestra. 8.00 p.m.—Classical Request Hour. 9.00 p.m.—London Relay—News. 9.05 p.m.—"Services Music Hall"—ENSA. 9.35 p.m.—N.B.C. Symphony Orchestra. 10.00 p.m.—"Yor's Aids"—Act III. 10.35 p.m.—Orchestral & Band Selections. 11.00 p.m.—Close Down.

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